

Case: 02-C-1425

Verizon

Date of Request: November 26, 2003

<b>VZ-ATT-50</b>	In response to VZ-ATT-2, it states that Mr. Walsh has performed cross-connects on the main distribution frames in ILEC central offices. (i) Please identify the central offices in which such work was completed. (ii) To the best of your recollection, what was the approximate size of those central offices at the time such cross-connection work was completed (i.e., approximately how many cable and pair terminations were there on the frames)? (iii) Did any of those central offices have Tie-Pair Distribution Frames ("TPDFs") or equivalent? (iv) If so, how many TPDFs were there in each central office involved?
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Respondents: Richard Walsh

**RESPONSE:**

Mr. Walsh states that, while he has not placed cross-wires on a live production MDF, such as a COSMIC, low profile or conventional MDF, he has performed cross connections on MDFs in ILEC COs in connection with training activities. He has, moreover, observed the placement of cross-wires on all frame types he has mentioned in response to question #48, in a variety of different central office sizes, and in a live production environment. The Central offices with conventional and low profile MDFs were located within the state of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. He recalls the retirement of a cosmic frame in Providence, RI to a conventional MDF (equipped as a low profile frame) having approximately 285,000 F1 cable pairs. The MDF was an L shape and had tie pairs appearances on the horizontal side connecting to the toll equipment frames located on the same and different floors. Mr. Walsh is unaware of the total amount of TPDFs that were involved in that location.

In locations where COSMIC frames were installed (mainly in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts) Mr. Walsh did not record the exact size of those central offices but estimates the size between 35,000 and 90,000 working lines. In locations where COSMIC frames were installed, tie-pairs (INTER and INTRA) were installed as well. Mr. Walsh is unaware of the total amount of TPDFs that were involved in those locations.